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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16217	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC., for vegetation control in creeks and detention/water quality ponds, for the hauling of excessive vegetation and debris from specified job site locations to an acceptable landfill, and for herbicide application, in an amount not to exceed \$1,744,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 proposed Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Steve Cocke, Buyer II, 974-2003
Boards and Commission Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide vegetation control in creeks and detention/water quality ponds, for the hauling of excessive vegetation and debris from specified job site locations to an acceptable landfill, and for herbicide application.

To reduce the risk of flooding to properties adjacent to waterways, this agreement provides for the clearing of excessive vegetation and debris from identified high-risk drainage channels and creeks. This agreement will also provide these services in detention and water quality ponds and in newly annexed areas in accordance with approved service plans. Licensed herbicide applications of tree stumps and invasive herbaceous vegetation will also be provided on a requested basis.

TIBH Industries in conjunction with Easter Seals Central Texas has performed this service for the past 22 years. Their dedication, experience, and timely performance demonstrate their qualifications to continue the creek clearing and pond maintenance services the City is obligated to provide.

State Law allows political subdivisions to substitute services available from blind or disabled persons for those which could be purchased from private businesses without securing competitive bids (Texas Human Resources Code, Section 122.017). Comparison of TIBH Industries prices in past years has shown them to be at or below those of the private sector. TIBH's rates will remain the same for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 contract as they were for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 contract.

TIBH Industries serves as a broker to locate and administer contracts for non-profit organizations. Easter Seals Central Texas Workforce Development Program personnel will perform the work and receive 94% of the funds. TIBH Industries will receive the remaining 6% of the funds to cover administrative costs. This contract will provide jobs to individuals who would otherwise need public assistance if this work program were not available.